

The Reconnaissance



Boy Scout Troop 695
of Prairie Lutheran Church

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December Highlights

Month's Overview

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December 2: Scout Meeting and Parent Meeting

December 9: Scout Meeting

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My name is Isaac. I am the historian. In this Newsletter overview I will be going over December.

The month of December was game design and run by the Scorpions. The lock in was this month. We were at the church, then we went to AirMaxx which is a trampoline park, and then we went back to the church where we watched movies, played games, and had junk food. This month was also Turner's Eagle court of Honor. There were not a lot of parents there so I am inviting all of you to the next one. It is a very fun experience and it is a time to honor what the scouts have done throughout the year.

General Submissions:



Photo submitted by Sarah Baumert

This is me, Isaac, at a scout meeting. We were doing a game with dice. Many games were played that night.

Tree Lot Wrap Up

The tree lot closed on December 22 after a long season. Our sales were down a bit from previous years as the result of the Optimist lot just down Pioneer Trail. I appreciate everyone's help with manning shifts and especially would like to thank those folks that came out on Saturday the 27th for cleanup. We finished the cleanup in a bit over an hour and were able to get everything put away at the church.

Look for credits in your scout accounts soon for the hourly wages that were earned.

Thanks again for all the help with shifts, set up and cleanup!! Remember tree bags are \$2.

Dan Edlund

Troop 695 Tree Lot Coordinator

Hi Troop 695!

A favorite quote of mine from Dr. David Walsh is "Whoever Tells the Stories Defines the Culture." So to those scouts who have contributed articles for this issue of the Reconnaissance, thank you for telling your story!

What got me thinking about this is that 2015 is a special year for our troop. Many of you may already know this, but for those that don't, our Troop number of "695" was selected because that is the month and year our troop was chartered, June of 1995. With our troop's 20th anniversary approaching, I ask "who tells the stories of Troop 695?" The answer, of course, is YOU! Our old photo albums and archived issues of the Reconnaissance are really the only 'recorded' history of our Troop. That is why it is so important for you, as members of Troop 695, to submit articles; you are telling our stories!

Thanks!

Mr. Gunderson

Boy Scout Troop 695 Lock In

By: Derek Normann, Stags Patrol Leader

December 19th, 2014 was the night of the Troop 695 lock in (which was also the last day of school for most Scouts). About 20 Scouts gathered at Prairie Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM for an evening of snacks, movies, games and Air Maxx. At around 8:00 Scouts were carpoled to Air Maxx, where there were trampolines (some with dodgeball games and one with a foam pit), arcade games, bowling, laser tag, mini golf, and snacks. We were each given a soda and two slices of pizza, and stayed until Air Maxx closed. When we got back to the church we played games that scouts brought from home, or just talked. Late at night, The Polar Express was on and most Scouts watched that. After the movie was over, everyone was just chilling. 2 AM was lights out, but most Scouts still talked and played verbal games. I think I might've fallen asleep at about 6:00 AM but Scouts left at around 7:00 AM. I think about half the Scouts stayed up all night. It was a fun night and I can't wait until next year's lock in!



Photo Submitted by Cindy Pratt

During the Lock-in, we went to Air Maxx. We are just jumping around in this photo.

- Isaac



Photo submitted by Cindy Pratt

Back at the church, we slept, watched Polar Express, and played Monopoly.

- Isaac

Game Night



Photo submitted by Lesley Wilson

Court of Honor



Photo submitted by Lesley Wilson

This month, although I was unable to attend most of the events due to being sick, I heard most of them went well. Over all, from what I have heard, the scouts have had fun and enjoyed the month.

- Kyle Weatherly

Troop Leadership –

Elected Positions:

SPL	Mike Rorem
ASPL	Austin Groe
ASPL	Connor Pesheck
Historian	Isaac Baumert
Scribe	Blake Heyman
Quartermaster	Pierce Boelke
Patrol Leader– Stags	Derek Normann
Patrol Leader - Scorpions	Alex Colaianni
Patrol Leader– Phoenix	Sean Woerner
Patrol Leader – Cobras	Kyle Weatherly
Patrol Leader – Lightning Sharks	Sam Horn
Patrol Leader – Raccoons	David Chadwick
Patrol Leader – Wolverines	Stefan Schultz
Patrol Leader – Flaming Arrows	Turner Gunderson
Chaplain Aide	Miguel Flores
First Class Instructor	-
Troop Guide	-

Announcements

General Accouchement by Justin Pratt

Cobras, Phoenix, Scorpion, and Stag parents: if you want your boys to have an opportunity beyond Many Point this coming summer, we are going to heavily discuss this at January's meeting.
(Originally sent out via the Troup Yahoo Group)

Troop 695: Merit Badge Madness 2015

Many thanks to those who offered to lead a Merit Badge class during Troop 695's Merit Badge Madness 2015 program.

We have 12 Merit Badge offerings (confirmed, but subject to change), five of which are Eagle required.

Eagle Required:

Citizen in the Community, offered by Leonard Pesheck
Citizenship in the Nation, offered by Dan Edlund
Family Life, offered by Colleen Finnegan
Personal Fitness, offered by Roger Hipwell
Personal Management, offered by Luis Perez

Elective:

Art, offered by Lesley Wilson
Aviation, offered by Gary Schultz
Bird Studies, offered by Ann Rorem
Electricity, offered by Tong Stone
Photography, offered by Justin Pratt
Programming, offered by Joel Baumert
Snow Sports, offered by John Woerner

Merit Badge Madness runs weekly from Tuesday Jan 27th through Tuesday Feb 17th, and then culminates with a retreat to Camp St. Croix the weekend of Feb 21-22.

MB schedules are still being finalized, but the scouts should see a sign-up sheet by the second Tuesday of January. So look over the offerings, and consider which MBs best suits your needs.

Those with questions about the month long Merit badge festivities should contact Luigi Colaianni at 952-426-8383 or via e-mail at mLuigic@gmail.com

Search & Rescue MB: February 7-8, Stearns Scout Camp (St. Cloud)

Flyer is here: https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA250/25890_1413821384_712.pdf

Boys \$77, adults \$25.

Sam and I are going.

If anyone else is going let me know so we can coordinate rides up and back.

Thanks.

Jim Horn

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Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the January Reconnaissance will be due on December 28, 2014. Please e-mail your articles to sarah.baumert@gmail.com . If your computer isn't working, you can hand your article handwritten and I'll type it up.

Reconnaissance on the Web

The latest issue of *The Reconnaissance* is always available online on our Troop 695 website. Visit www.troop695.org and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

Advancement Contacts

- Advancement – Cindy Pratt
- Board of Review – Marshall Ness
- Eagle Board of Review – Win Giles

Contact Information can be found in your Roster or on the Troop 695 Website under the Leadership link. Any ASM can help you with starting a Merit Badge blue card.

Coming up In January...

Theme: Snow Sports (Organized by The Lightning Sharks)

January 6: Scout and Parent Meeting

January 9: January 11: Camp Out

January 13: Patrol Leader Meeting

January 20: Scout Meeting

January 27: Merit Badge Madness #1

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